Judgement on appointment

1742. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent landmark judgement if a candidate from the reserved category applies for an appointment in the general category, he cannot thereafter apply for the reserved category and *vice-versa;*

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to missing pension holder's family

†1743 SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular financial assistance cannot be provided to the spouse or heirs of missing Pension-holders Government employee before seven years since the date of his going missing;

(b) if not, whether one-third pension-salary could be given to his family in case the police issue missing and not found certificate after two years considering that the period is far too long and the destitute family has to worry and search for the missing family head and at the same time face hardship; and

(c) whether the stipulated seven years period could be reduced to five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Instructions already exist that when a Central Government pensioner disappears leaving his family, family pension at normal rate would be sanctioned after lapse of a period of one year, from the date of lodging of FIR, subject to the following conditions:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.